

Civilian Climate Corps, which would create over a million climate activists at taxpayer expense.

\$80 billion to double the number of IRS agents.

A ONCE-IN-A-GENERATION OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF WORKING FAMILIES

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, even before the pandemic, American families struggled to cover the expense of childcare, with the cost of care for two kids consuming 20 to 30 percent of the income of most families.

Since the pandemic began, the situation has worsened dramatically. Hundreds of Pennsylvania childcare agencies, which operated on the slimmest of margins to begin with, have closed permanently, and already scarce childcare spots have become harder to find.

Since the pandemic, the lack of childcare and continuing school closures has resulted in millions of parents, mostly women, losing their jobs or being forced to leave work due to childcare obligations.

Families need investment in childcare now. Women can't be asked to bear the cost of not funding these crucial programs any longer.

The Build Back Better Act is our once-in-a-generation opportunity to meet the needs of working families.

Access to affordable childcare will strengthen the financial standing of our families, make sure that women are not left behind in our recovery, and help parents enter or reenter the workforce and generate new economic activity.

Let's get this done for the American people.

□ 1215

GENERAL TRAN HUNG DAO POST OFFICE

(Mrs. STEEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. STEEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to talk about an important figure in the Vietnamese-American community, General Tran Hung Dao.

General Dao was one of the greatest Vietnamese military commanders of all time. He saved Vietnam from Mongolian invasion three times, which is considered one of the greatest military feats in history.

General Dao remains a significant figure in the Vietnamese community today.

I am proud to represent Little Saigon, which is home to almost 200,000 Vietnamese Americans, the largest Vietnamese population outside of Vietnam.

This week, in honor of the anniversary of his death on October 3, I intro-

duced a bill that would rename a U.S. post office in Little Saigon as the General Tran Hung Dao Post Office. This renaming would mean so much to those in the Vietnamese-American community, which I am so proud to represent.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER ON INFRASTRUCTURE

(Mr. BAIRD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BAIRD. Madam Speaker, today I rise in opposition to the Democrats' infrastructure proposal. This weekend the President said that his Build Back Better agenda costs zero dollars and that it adds zero dollars to the national debt.

With all due respect, I disagree. The CBO's report projects that it will add \$398 billion to the deficit. Further, this multi-trillion partisan spending spree is projected to add as much as \$1.75 trillion to the deficit over the next 10 years.

This bill only dedicates less than 10 percent of its multi-trillion dollar price tag to highways, bridges, and other projects. Less than 10 percent.

Last month, Republicans offered our own counter bill, the STARTER Act, that offered targeted investments in core infrastructure that meets our Nation's needs.

For years, Congress has worked together to get a targeted infrastructure package across the finish line. Let's get back to doing that.

PROMOTING FISCAL SANITY

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, we are at an extraordinary time in history where inflation is threatening every family.

"At some point, all of us, regardless of party, must ask the simple question—how much is enough? What I have made clear to the President and Democratic leaders is that spending trillions more on new and expanded government programs, when we can't even pay for the essential social programs like Social Security and Medicare, is the definition of fiscal insanity. Suggesting that spending trillions more will not have an impact on inflation ignores the everyday reality that America's families continue to pay an unavoidable inflation tax. Proposing a historic expansion of social programs while ignoring the fact we are not in recession and that millions of jobs remain open"

Thank you, Senator JOE MANCHIN, for your courage. You and WVOC radio talk show host Gary David have exposed insanity.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism

continues moving from Afghanistan to our neighborhoods.

JIM VAN ENGELHOFEN LEAVES A LEGACY OF SERVICE

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a man from my district whose legacy of serving his community will continue to resonate for generations.

Last Monday, Jim Van Engelenhoven, a former Iowa State representative from Mahaska County, passed away.

Jim began his career in public service by serving in Iowa's Air National Guard. In 1993, Jim was elected to Mahaska County's Board of Supervisors, where he served until 1998, and then began his run as an Iowa State representative.

Jim was loved by many in the Mahaska County community and across the State of Iowa for his compassion and his willingness to go the extra mile to serve his community.

My heart and prayers go out to Jim's wife, Carol; his son, Jeff; and the rest of his loved ones. May he rest in peace.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

(Mr. CLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th anniversary of the Community Foundation for Rockbridge, Bath, and Alleghany Counties.

In 2001, its first year as an independent organization, the Community Foundation was able to provide \$32,000 in grants to the community. But through the support of many individuals, families, and businesses over the years, the organization has grown exponentially.

In the past 10 years, the Community Foundation has been able to grant a cumulative \$2.5 million to nonprofit organizations, projects, and programs across the organization's service area. Just this year alone, the group will be awarding more than \$300,000 in community grants and an additional \$30,000 in scholarships.

These grants are made possible through the generosity of individuals and businesses and primarily support projects related to art and culture, community betterment, education, health, and human services.

In celebration of their 20 years, the organization pledged to give away \$20,000 in 20 days to various nonprofits throughout our region. Their work is truly inspiring, and we thank them for their tireless efforts.

I wish the Community Foundation another 20-plus years of success.

TRACY STONE-MANNING

(Mr. NEWHOUSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, today, of all days, amidst the ongoing flurry of dysfunction, Democrat leader CHUCK SCHUMER is inserting a vote to confirm Tracy Stone-Manning as director of the Bureau of Land Management through the United States Senate, hidden from the view and the attention of local communities.

For months, my Western Caucus colleagues and I have been pleading with our Senate colleagues to listen to the voices of those who have spoken up of Ms. Stone-Manning's radical views, her violations of several Federal laws, and her collusion with ecoterrorists.

Ms. Stone-Manning is simply, clearly, and patently unfit to hold this office. Even several Obama administration officials, including his BLM director, agree.

Let me be clear, a vote for Tracy Stone-Manning is a vote against farmers, ranchers, our public land users, and our rural communities throughout the West.

This is a shameful display of hyperpartisanship. The Senate should reject her nomination and recognize that rural America deserves better.

WE ARE A NATION OF LAWS

(Mrs. MILLER of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I had the privilege of visiting the border with President Trump in June to see our Border Patrol agents doing one of the most dangerous jobs imaginable. They face the threat of MS-13 and violent drug cartels who have been empowered and enriched by the Biden administration.

Sadly, the left is vilifying the Border Patrol the same way they vilified our police officers during the defund the police movement.

The American people want secure borders and safe communities. Even President Obama this week said Biden's open border policies are unsustainable because we are a nation with borders. I want to thank President Obama for affirming that we are a nation of laws and a nation with borders, and I hope the Biden administration will listen to him.

TAXES WILL BE RAISED

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, this debt ceiling increase being contemplated isn't just about paying off things we have already committed for. It is actually a blank check for unlimited spending until December of 2022.

Our collective national debt is somewhere around \$28 trillion now, or about \$85,000 per person. Every American.

Now, in 2013 the lie of the year was named, "If you like your health plan, you can keep it." In the Biden campaign, it was, "Nobody making under \$400,000 would have their taxes raised, period." That is setting up to be the next lie of the year.

The effects we see of this legislation will be 5 percent of taxpayers earning between \$40,000 and \$50,000 and 59 percent of those earning between \$200,000 and \$500,000 would be affected greatly by increased taxes.

Let that sink in. The President's plan will raise taxes on people making as low as \$40,000, not the \$400,000 he promised.

We should be talking about hard caps on spending and getting our fiscal house in order instead of spending on the Green New Deal that is coming up.

PARTISAN SPENDING WILL HARM OUR COUNTRY

(Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address the Democrats' now estimated \$4.3 trillion budget reconciliation bill that calls for the highest sustained Federal spending levels in American history.

Combined with the infrastructure bill, this results in a partisan \$5.5 trillion package that will further hurt our economy and, most importantly, the American people.

This legislation is filled with a spending spree of far-left policies before the government is funded for next year at a time when inflation is at a 13-year high. Everyday goods are more expensive for Americans, while the purchasing power of an hour of work has declined by 0.7 percent over the last year.

Families are paying more and making less, and trillions more in government spending would only exacerbate this economic crisis.

Madam Speaker, the American people should not have to bear the brunt of the Democrats' agenda. I firmly oppose the legislation that solely focuses on the left's priorities while furthering our national debt. I encourage my colleagues to do the same.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MATRIC GROUP

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Matric Group located in Venango County, Pennsylvania.

What originally started out as a hobby by two electrical engineers has now turned into a \$60-plus million company with three locations across western Pennsylvania and more than 300 employees.

The Matric Group is celebrating a major milestone this year, 50 years of electronic manufacturing.

The electronics field is developing at lightning speed, and Matric Group has continued to adapt to the ever-growing changes. It is this angle of their businesses which drives them to success.

As customers discover outdated or obsolete components, Matric Group is there to help respin or redesign to keep their current products relevant.

For the past 50 years, Matric Group has been a strong cornerstone in our community. The commitment and determination of President Turner and the entire workforce is admirable.

Congratulations to Rick Turner and the rest of the Matric Group team. May you find success for another 50 years.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 29 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1430

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE) at 2 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SERGEANT AT ARMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS,
Washington, DC, September 28, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, following consultation with the Office of Attending Physician, I write to provide you further notification that the public health emergency due to the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 remains in effect.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. WALKER,
Sergeant at Arms.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the extension, pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 8, and effective October 2, 2021, of the "covered period" designated on January 4, 2021.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives: